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SUBJECT: DAVID BENSON LAUGHTON CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO
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1. ACCORDING TO A RECENT DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMUNIQUE, DAVID LAUGHTON HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE PIERRE GARCEAU AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA.
2. OUR FILES CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON LAUGHTON: A DIPLOMAT EXPERIENCED IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT, DAVID LAUGHTON RECENTLY COMPLETED FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BOARD OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN SEATTLE FROM 1970 TO 1972.

DURING WORLD WAR II LAUGHTON WAS STATIONED WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN SIGNALS CORPS IN EUROPE. AFTER COMPLETING HIS EDUCATION, HE REJOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1949 AS AN AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST. FROM 1950 TO 1964 HE WAS POSTED SUCCESSIVELY TO VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD, MEXICO AND GREAT BRITAIN. DURING 1964-70 LAUGHTON SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD BRANCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND

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COMMERCE.

LAUGHTON, 57, EARNED A DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 1947, AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE RECEIVED A COMMERCE DEGREE FROM THE SAME UNIVERSITY. HE BELONGS TO THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SOCIETY. IN 1942 LAUGHTON MARRIED

DOROTHY PEARSON. THE COUPLE HAS A DAUGHTER, DIANNE,
AND A SON, BRUCE. ENDERS

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